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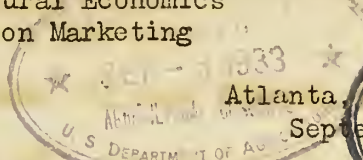
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COTTON GRADE AND STAPLE REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 31



The Atlanta office of the Division of Cotton Marketing released to-day reports showing the grade and staple of current cotton ginnings for the States of Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and South Carolina. The report for Georgia is the second weekly report for this State, but the reports for Alabama, Florida, and South Carolina are the first ones this season for these States.

The grades of cotton in Georgia were much lower for the past week than for previous weeks this season, and a similar condition is noted for South Carolina. The grades for Alabama for the past week improved from 79 per cent White Middling and better to about 90 per cent Middling and better. The grades for Florida do not show much change, remaining about 88 per cent Middling and better. The reports for Georgia and Alabama show a rather significant amount of Spotted and Tinged cotton for the past week.

The staple lengths for Georgia during the past week show some improvement with increases in 15/16 inch and longer and with decreases in 7/8 inch staple and shorter. It will be of interest to note that thus far 98 per cent of the Georgia crop is 7/8 inch and longer.

A significant feature of the Alabama report is the negligible amount of cotton shorter than 7/8 inch, only three-tenths of one per cent. The report for the season for 1932-33 showed about 15 per cent shorter than 7/8 inch and the early reports for last year showed an equal amount of this short cotton. Thus the improvement in the staple lengths for Alabama for the first part of the crop this season is very outstanding.

The most noteworthy feature of the South Carolina report is the total absence of cotton shorter than 7/8 inch in the first report this season and the further fact that almost 98 per cent of the cotton is shown as having a

staple length greater than $7/8$ inch. This represents an improvement over early reports of last season. The crop thus far has very much longer staple length than was shown on the report of the total crop of last season.

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